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SUBJECT: SPANISH NATO ENTRY: ALLIED MANEUVER
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1. MISSION SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE ALLIED
DELEGATIONS AND ENCOURAGE INVITATIONS
TO SPANISH SO THAT LATTER MAY ATTEND ALLIED
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MULTINATIONAL EXERCISES IN MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT

OF NATO ALLIES OBSERVING THEM (REFTEL A). MISSION
SHOULD ALSO TAKE IMMEDIATE SOUNDINGS WITH ALLIES
PARTICIPATING IN DISPLAY DETERMINATION,AND OTHER
ALLIES WHICH MISSION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE,REGARDING
U.S. VIEW THAT INVITATION TO SPANISH TO OBSERVE

THIS NATO MEDITERRANEAN EXERCISE WOULD BE
SUITABLE 1978 STEP OF ENCOURAGEMENT IN PROCESS
OF SPANISH ENTRY INTO NATO.

2. WE CONCUR WITH MISSION DESIRE TO AVOID FORMAL
ALLIANCE CONSIDERATION OF DISPLAY DETERMINATION

INVITATION UNLESS APPROVAL APPEARS POSSIBLE (REFTEL A,
PARAGRAPH SIX). HOWEVER, GIVEN (A) INTEREST OF
SPANISH THEMSELVES IN SUCH NATO INSTITUTIONAL
EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT (REFTEL B), (B) APPARENT
ACCELERATION OF SPANISH EC ENTRY PROCESS, (C)
SIGNIFICANCE FOR SPANISH ATTENDANCE AT LAST YEAR'S
CINCSOUTH CHANGE OF COMMAND AND (E) DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN INVITATIONS TO POTENTIAL NATO MEMBER AND
FRIENDLY EUROPEAN NEUTRAL, WE BELIEVE SUITABLE
FORMULA COULD BE FOUND TO PERMIT SPANISH OBSERVATION
OF DISPLAY DETERMINATION. ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE,
FOR EXAMPLE, PERSONAL CINCSOUTH INVITATION IF ALLIES
REMAIN EDGY ABOUT FORMAL NATO OFFER.

3. USDOCOSOUTH VIEWS ON PARAGRAPH TWO SUGGESTION
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. THIS TELEGRAM IS A JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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